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APPROPRIATE USE OF FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States using large quantities of fertilizers are lagging behind in agriculture whereas the States using appropriate quantities of fertilizers have performed very well;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to educate the farmers regarding appropriate use of fertilizers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The productivity depends upon number of inputs including fertilizers. However, it is observed that States using higher quantities of fertilizer have better productivity.

(b)to(d): To educate the farmers on appropriate use of fertilizers, the Government is promoting Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) advocating soil test based balanced use of fertilizers in conjunction with organic sources of nutrients and bio fertilizers.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is also imparting training, organizing workshop and laying field demonstrations etc. on soil test based balanced and judicious use of fertilizers.